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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA -- The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Division works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 80 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "[Look up a health care provider license](#)" in the "How Do I?" section of the [Department of Health website](#) (doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Clark County

In August 2015 the Licensed Social Worker Program entered an agreement with licensed social worker **Patricia L. Des Rochers** (LW00005954) that places her on probation for at least two years and fines her \$1,000. Des Rochers interviewed four children whose mother asked a court to modify a visitation agreement with the children's father. She wrote an assessment without interviewing the father, the father's partner or any other sources, and without observing the children and the father together. She also provided therapy for two of the children. Des Rochers practiced below the standard of care by engaging in a dual relationship and providing a recommendation to the court without having done sufficient interviews.

Douglas County

In August 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Andrea Carlos Johnson** (NA60230637) with unprofessional conduct. While working at an assisted living facility, Johnson allegedly didn't properly clean a patient.

King County

In August 2015 the secretary of health conditionally granted credentials to **Caitrin Eva**

Connolly (MC60545457, CO60549975) for mental health counselor associate and chemical dependency professional trainee, and ordered her to participate in a substance abuse monitoring program. In 2012 Connolly pleaded guilty to first-degree negligent driving. In 2013 she received deferred prosecution on a charge of driving while intoxicated.

In August 2015 the Medical Assistant Program charged certified medical assistant **Malinda L. Albert** (CM60443348) with unprofessional conduct. In 2009 Albert was convicted in Oregon of three counts of violation of a restraining order—contempt of court, three counts of tampering with drug records, and two counts of identity theft.

In August 2015 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **William Bruce Johnston** (RN00077243) with unprofessional conduct. Johnston allegedly didn't abide by terms of a 2014 stipulation.

In August 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant **Nephtera Vertise Gallardo** (NA60321679) with unprofessional conduct. Charges say that, when Gallardo shopped for a client who lived at an adult family home where she worked, she received and kept two free turkeys worth about \$56.

In August 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Michelle Hsiu-Chin Shih** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Shih and an employee allegedly offered to perform foot massages without licenses.

In August 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered an agreement with **Lily Liang**, also known as Yuping Lu, requiring Liang to cease and desist from practicing massage, and pay a \$1,000 fine. Liang practiced massage without a license.

In August 2015 the secretary of health ended probation for chemical dependency professional trainee **Kimmarie Frances Wooding** (CO60293918).

In August 2015 the secretary of health denied a chemical dependency professional trainee credential to **Lisa Marie Candler** (CO60540267). Between 2008 and 2012 Candler was convicted of four felonies, 12 gross misdemeanors and three misdemeanors.

Kitsap County

In August 2015 the Pharmacy Commission charged pharmacist **Nicholas D. Wyatt** (PH60017358) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly collaborated with a physician in prescribing excessive doses of medication for a patient. Charges say Wyatt practiced below the standard of care and created an unreasonable risk of harm to the patient.

Lewis County

In August 2015 the Home Care Aide Program charged home care aide **Ana L. Encinas-Estrada** (HM60428282) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly admitted falsifying her work hours on her time sheets.

Pierce County

In August 2015 the Denturists Board charged denturist **Nabegh Naguib Ghattas** (DN00000199) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly didn't follow adequate infection control and sanitation procedures in his office.

Skagit County

In August 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program notified **Wen Juan Ji** of its intent to issue a cease-and-desist order. Ji allegedly offered to perform massage despite having no license.

Snohomish County

In August 2015 the secretary of health ended probation for dispensing optician **Lisa D. Green**, also known as Lisa D. Creighton (DO00001440).

In August 2015 the secretary of health ended probation for chemical dependency professional trainee, agency-affiliated counselor and chemical dependency professional **Angela Lynn Pearson** (CO60198200, CG60223891, CP60344301).

In August 2015 the Pharmacy Commission charged pharmacy technician **Tara Kipp** (VA00022280) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly admitted diverting narcotics from the pharmacy where she worked.

In August 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program ordered **Christina Brower** to cease and desist from the practice of massage, and pay a \$1,000 fine. Brower doesn't have a massage license, but advertised as a massage practitioner.

In August 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered an agreement with **Hae Suk Han Lee** under which Lee must cease and desist from practicing massage. Under the agreement Lee must pay \$250 of a \$1,000 fine. The remaining \$750 of the fine is suspended if Lee complies with the agreement.

Spokane County

In August 2015 the secretary of health ended conditions on the credential of emergency medical technician **Jeffery William Wagner** (ES60162491).

In August 2015 the Nursing Assistant Program charged registered nursing assistant and certified nursing assistant **Adrian Morris** (NA60272472, NC60325115), with unprofessional conduct. In 2015 Morris was convicted of three counts of second-degree assault with a deadly weapon and one count of first-degree robbery with a deadly weapon.

In August 2015 the Medical Assistant Program charged certified medical assistant and medical assistant-phlebotomist **Carol Denise Costanzo** (CM60379439, PC60379445) with

unprofessional conduct. Costanzo allegedly admitted using her employer's prescription system to enter unauthorized prescriptions for herself.

Whatcom County

In August 2015 the secretary of health conditionally granted a credential to registered nursing assistant **Tania Ann Swanberg** (NA60575327), placed her on probation and ordered her to continue participating in a substance abuse monitoring program. Swanberg must meet requirements imposed on her health care assistant license in 2012 and her interim medical assistant license in 2014.

In July 2015 the secretary of health denied a certified nursing assistant credential to **Derek Miller Sorensen** (NC60350255), who didn't comply with a requirement to undergo a mental health examination.

Out of State

California: In August 2015 the Unlicensed Practice Program entered an agreement with **Pornpana Wasri** that requires Wasri to cease and desist from practicing massage. Wasri, who must pay a \$1,000 fine, practiced massage without a license.

Nevada: In July 2015 the Nursing Commission denied a registered nurse credential to **Tara Michille Lee** (RN60538053). Lee, who was ordered to abstain from alcohol and mood-altering drugs in Nevada, didn't comply with a Washington requirement to undergo a substance use evaluation.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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